

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Summary of Invention section on page 3, line 2 through page 5, line 23 with the following amended section:

--An object of the present invention is to solve the above-described problems.

Another object of the invention is to provide techniques allowing an image communication apparatus, method and system to efficiently and reliably record and store image data (information) picked up by an image pickup device in a remote recording device.

As a preferred embodiment for such objects, the invention discloses an ~~image communication apparatus which comprises: (a) an image pickup unit for generating digital image; (b) a recording unit for recording the digital image and list information corresponding to the digital image, in a recording medium; and (c) a transmitting unit for executing wireless (radio) transmission of the digital image and list information recorded in the recording medium to an external apparatus, wherein the image communication apparatus has a mode of automatically executing wireless (radio) transmission of the digital image and list information recorded in the recording medium, in accordance with a communication state with the external apparatus.~~ image capture apparatus that

communicates with an external recording apparatus using a wireless communication unit.

The image capture apparatus includes: (1) an image capture unit adapted to capture a digital image; (2) a recording unit adapted to record the digital image captured by the image capture unit on a recording medium; and (3) a control unit adapted to judge whether or not the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already recorded in the

external recording apparatus. The control unit automatically transmits the digital image recorded on the recording medium to the external recording apparatus if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is not already recorded in the external recording apparatus, and avoids transmitting the digital image recorded on the recording medium to the external recording apparatus if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already recorded in the external recording apparatus.

As another preferred embodiment, the invention discloses an ~~image communication apparatus which comprises: (a) a receiving unit for receiving list information supplied from an external apparatus through wireless transmission; (b) a recording unit for recording the list information; (c) a comparing unit for comparing the list information with other list information recorded by the recording unit; and (d) a control unit for remotely controlling image information corresponding to the list information in accordance with a comparison result by the comparing unit.~~ image capture apparatus that communicates with an external recording apparatus using a wireless communication unit. The image capture apparatus includes: (1) an image capture unit adapted to capture a digital image; (2) a recording unit adapted to record the digital image captured by the image capture unit on a recording medium; and (3) a control unit adapted to judge whether or not the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already recorded in the external recording apparatus. The control unit automatically transmits the digital image recorded on the recording medium to the external recording apparatus if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is not already recorded in the external recording apparatus, and deletes the digital image recorded on the recording medium from the recording medium if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already recorded in the external recording apparatus.

As another preferred embodiment, the invention discloses ~~an image communication method which comprises the steps of: (a) generating digital image by using an image pickup unit; (b) recording the digital image and list information corresponding to the digital image, in a recording medium; and (c) controlling a mode of automatically executing wireless transmission of the digital image and list information recorded in the recording medium to an external apparatus, in accordance with a communication state with the external apparatus.~~ a method performed by an image capture apparatus, the image capture apparatus communicates with an external recording apparatus using a wireless communication unit and includes an image capture unit adapted to capture a digital image and a recording unit adapted to record the digital image captured by the image capture unit on a recording medium. The method includes steps of: (1) judging whether or not the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already recorded in the external recording apparatus; and (2) automatically transmitting the digital image recorded on the recording medium to the external recording apparatus if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is not already recorded in the external recording apparatus. The digital image recorded on the recording medium is not transmitted to the external recording apparatus if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already recorded in the external recording apparatus.

As another preferred embodiment, the invention discloses ~~an image communication method which comprises the steps of: (a) receiving list information supplied from an external apparatus through wireless transmission; (b) recording the list information; (c) comparing the list information with other list information recorded at the recording step; and (d) remotely controlling image information corresponding to the list information in accordance with a comparison result at the comparing step.~~ a method

performed by an image capture apparatus, the image capture apparatus communicates with an external recording apparatus using a wireless communication unit, and includes an image capture unit adapted to capture a digital image and a recording unit adapted to record the digital image captured by the image capture unit on a recording medium. The method includes the steps of: (1) judging whether or not the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already recorded in the external recording apparatus; (2) automatically transmitting the digital image recorded on the recording medium to the external recording apparatus if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is not already recorded in the external recording apparatus; and (3) deleting the digital image recorded on the recording medium from the recording medium if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already recorded in the external recording apparatus.

As another preferred embodiment, the invention discloses an image communication system which comprises: (a) an image generating apparatus for recording digital image and list information corresponding to the digital image generated by an image pickup unit, in a first recording unit; and (b) a recording apparatus for recording the digital image supplied from the image generating apparatus through wireless transmission, in a second recording medium, wherein: the image generating apparatus is provided with a first mode of automatically executing wireless transmission of the list information recorded in the first recording medium, depending upon a communication state with the recording apparatus; and the recording apparatus is provided with a second mode of receiving the list information supplied from the image generating apparatus through wireless transmission and remotely controlling the digital image corresponding to the list information.

Still other objects of the present invention, and the advantages thereof, will become fully apparent from the following detailed description of the embodiments.--